

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th August 2018

Contests

IRTS SSB Field Day takes place next weekend, from 13:00 UTC Saturday 1st September to 13:00 UTC on Sunday. As well as 24 hour Open and Restricted sections, we have a 6-hour restricted section, ideal for individuals or groups that are not in a position to operate overnight. Also on Sunday 9th September we have the 70cms and 2 metres counties contests, more details in next week's bulletin.

See www.irts.ie/contests for full details of IRTS contests.

Next Licence Exam

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 15th November 2018 in the ComReg offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers.

The closing date for applications to sit this exam is Thursday 1st November 2018. Places for exams at the ComReg Offices are limited, they are allocated on a first come first served basis and are only reserved on receipt of an application form and the examination fee.

To reserve a place, candidates should forward a completed application form to Joe Ryan EI7GY. See www.irts.ie/exam for Joe's contact details and other information about the exam.

IRTS Committee meeting

Next IRTS Committee meeting is to take place on the 8th September in Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone at 11am. For the remainder of the year the following IRTS Committee Meetings have been set to take place: 20th October in Portlaoise and 8th December in Athlone.

IRTS AGM Weekend 2019

The AGM event will take place on the 13th and 14th April 2019. Venue will be The

Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co Roscommon, N37 XR82

Dinner tickets are 35 euro. Talks and lectures will take place on Saturday, while the Rally and AGM shall take place on the Sunday. For further information please see www.shannonbasinradioclub.com and facebook page.

Hurricane 'Lane'

Hurricane 'Lane' is affecting Hawaii with heavy rainfall of nearly 1 meter forecast along with high tides caused by the storm surge. Combined, these effects are already causing significant flooding in the area.

The following frequencies have been advised in use so far; 7080kHz, 7088kHz, 14.265MHz. Together with other frequencies being used for Winlink formal message handling.

Please help emergency communicators by keeping the frequencies in use QRM free.

WRTC "Most QSOs Listing"

To encourage stations to work contestants and submit a log for the World Radio Team Championship, held over the weekend of 14th / 15th July, the organisers promised to publish a table listing the number of QSOs each station submitting a log had with the WRTC contestants. This list has now been published.

The top 3 EI stations in the list are:

1. EI6JK (Mark)
 2. EI/W5GN (Barry)
 3. EI7T (Tipperary Amateur Radio Group)
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Limerick HAREC Course

Interested in becoming a licensed amateur operator? Preparations are well in hand to provide a HAREC course in Limerick beginning in September. It is expected that the course will be run in the Limerick College of Further Education. Details of dates, times and fees will be issued closer to the start date.

DX News

The United Nations Amateur Radio Club station 4U1UN was on the air for the first time in some years on 22nd August. There is ongoing work in train which it is hoped will ensure that 4U1UN is heard regularly in future. The station is located at the UN Headquarters Building in New York and counts as a separate entity for the DXCC Award.

Laci HA0NAR will be QRV from Guadeloupe as FG/HG0R from 27th August – 7th September. Activity will be on all bands 160 – 6m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

A group of Polish operators will sign EX0PL from Kyrgyzstan from 1st - 10th September. Look for them on all HF bands and QSLs go via SP9KAT.

A multi-national team of YL operators will sign TM64YL from the French island of Noirmoutier until 31st August. They will be on SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 and QSLs go via F4GDI.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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